

Swedes falter in second half

WYCOMBE returned to top form on Tuesday night with a convincing victory over their Swedish visitors Rasunda at Loakes Park.

Rasunda play in Division Three of the Swedish League and for a time their youthful enthusiasm and hard running tested Wycombe to the full, but they faded badly in the second half.

Following their disappointing defeat at home to Tring on Saturday, the Wanderers needed a good performance to boost their morale for sterner battles ahead.

Pressure

They received the ideal tonic after 14 minutes when Terry Scott put them ahead. He chipped a fine ball forward to Mick Holifield, but before his colleague to get the ball under control, Scott raced forward to drive it home from 15 yards.

Rasunda looked particularly vulnerable at the heart of the defence allowing their opponents acres of space and only two fine saves by goalkeeper Bjorn Mattsson pre-

Wycombe 5, Rasunda 1

vented them going further behind.

But then suddenly out of the blue the Swedes equalised with a spectacular goal from Thomas Hall who volleyed the ball into the net with a fierce angled drive.

For a while the Wycombe defence in which Phil Bycroft replaced the injured Keith Mead, came under pressure and it needed all Bob Davies' coolness to clear the danger.

But in ideal conditions Wycombe were putting together some delightful football and five minutes before half-time they regained the lead following a clinical three man move.

Overlapping George Borg crossed from the left, Gary Toll headed down and Scott scored his second goal of the night.

Scott had no chance to complete his hat-trick for he was replaced at half-time by Terry Glynn, while Chris Way took over in goal from Gary Lester, and there were periodic substitutions during the half which did not affect

the Blues total control of affairs.

They went further ahead in the 52nd minute following a fine run and cross from Holifield. Toll, who enjoyed a good match nodded home from close in.

Concern

There is still some concern in the Wycombe camp at the form of leading scorer Glynn and this was typified when he bungled a great chance with only the goalkeeper to beat.

However, he did find the net with a close range goal in the 78th minute from Andy Hunt's low driven cross.

George Borg completed the scoring from the penalty spot in the last minute following handball, to round off a successful evening for the home side.

WYCOMBE: G. Lester (sub: C. Way 45 mins); P. Birdseye, G. Borg, R. Davies (sub: J. Jacobs 72 mins), P. Bycroft, R. Dell (sub: S. Dexter 64 mins), S. Long (sub: A. Hunt 67 mins), H. Kennedy, G. Toll, T. Scott (sub: T. Glynn 45 mins), M. Holifield.

RASUNDA: B. Mattsson; T. Peipke, J. Berquist, P. Ahlberg, K. Pettersson (sub: T. Moller 73 mins), B. Cedergren, A. Ohlsson, K. Listh (sub: P. Stenvall 73 mins), T. Hall, P. Nordquist, H. Eriksson.

REFEREE: A. Williams (H. Wycombe). **HALF-TIME:** 2-1. **Scorers:** Wycombe-Scott (14 mins, 40), Toll (52), Glynn (78); Borg (pen 90), Rasunda — Hall (24).

Attendance: 131.